

Patent
Serial No. 10/091,682
Agilent Docket No. 10011021-1

REMARKS

Nine (9) claims (Claims 1-4 and 11-15) remain pending in this application through this Amendment. Claims 1-9 and 16-20 have been rejected by the Examiner. Claims 10-15 have been objected to by the Examiner as depending from rejected claims but otherwise allowable. The Applicant has amended Claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of Claim 10, which the Examiner indicates would render the claim (equivalent to Claim 10 rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and intervening claims) allowable. The remaining claims, Claims 2-4 and 11-15, depend from this allowable claim and are therefore also allowable. Claims 5-10 and 16-20 have accordingly been canceled.

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EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY

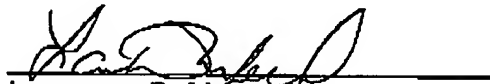
The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the April 6, 2005 telephonic interview during which *DeLano* was discussed. Specifically, it was discussed whether *DeLano* discloses a "FIFO" as recited in the Applicant's claims. No agreement was reached. Nevertheless, the Applicant reserves the right to file a Continuation application to continue to prosecute the rejected claims.

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CONCLUSION

This Amendment is proper under 37 CFR § 1.116(b), as it merely cancels claims and complies with requirements for placing the claims in allowable form. Specifically, the Applicant has amended the claims in accordance with the Examiner's indication that Claims 10-15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. It is therefore respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and the Applicant requests a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should there be any further questions or concerns, the Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

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